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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - PAKISTAN'S CRISIS AND  
IRAN

LEAD STORIES: Top stories on Thursday morning include  
the Mizuho Financial Group's announcement Wednesday of  
a massive loss incurred by the group due to the  
subprime loan crisis.

1. "Power-Sharing Plan on Verge of Collapse" The  
conservative Sankei's Bangkok correspondent reported  
(11/15): "Political confusion in Pakistan is deepening,  
as President Musharraf has decided to take a harder  
line by rejecting a power-sharing arrangement with  
former Prime Minister Bhutto following her call on the  
president to step down. The Bush administration will  
send Deputy Secretary of State Negroponte to Islamabad  
in search of a solution to the crisis, and his  
mediation efforts will be the focus for the time being.  
Bhutto's call for Musharraf to resign has brought the  
Bush administration's efforts to resolve the crisis  
through a power-sharing arrangement to the verge of  
collapse."

2. "Moderates Raise Objections to Hardliners" Tehran-  
based reporter Kudo of the top circulation, moderate  
Yomiuri wrote (11/15): "There appears to be a growing  
rift within the Iranian leadership over how to assess  
the threat posed by the US-led international effort to  
isolate the country in response to Tehran's nuclear  
program. In contrast to the ultraconservative President  
Ahmadinejad's characterization of the October US  
economic sanctions as 'superficial,' moderates in the  
government insist that the punitive measures pose a  
'grave threat' to Iran. The moderates and reformists

are also critical of the president's political style.  
This division could potentially lead to a change in the  
country's nuclear policy."

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